



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## *North Shreveport Development Corporation, LA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The North Shreveport Development Corporation (NSDC) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The project site is located in Caddo Parish, home to approximately 150,000 residents. The NSDC serves a population of 42,091. More than 90 percent of residents in the target neighborhood are minorities, and nearly 40 percent live in poverty. The Moran Galvanizing Industrial Area targeted for cleanup functioned as a galvanizing plant for 40 years. Closed in 1985, it remains an unsafe, unsightly property along a widely used route in North Shreveport. Once cleaned up, the NSDC plans to develop the site as an open air, year-round farmer's



### Cleanup Grant



#### \$150,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the North Shreveport Development Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct community involvement activities, develop a remediation plan, and clean up soil and groundwater contamination at the Moran Galvanizing Industrial Area site. The metals contamination is a result of 40 years of galvanizing operations at the site.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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market. The market is expected to add at least 100 new jobs through the incubation of 50 small, minority- and female-owned businesses to the area, and increase tax revenues. The market would complement the new convention center just minutes away, serve as a social gathering point, and provide access to retail, recreational, and green space. The long-term redevelopment plan for the site also includes a railroad museum on the abandoned rail spur that runs along the property. Together, the open air market and museum will provide tourism and retail opportunities in the area, which would motivate revitalization of the surrounding neighborhood.